

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following before paragraph [0001]:

-- FIELD OF THE INVENTION --

Please insert the following before paragraph [0002]:

-- BACKGROUND --

Please delete paragraph [0025]

~~This problem is solved by a variables system according to claim 1. Advantageous embodiments of the invention are specified in the dependent claims.~~

Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

The smart card chip ~~according to claim 1~~ has a variables memory area reserved for global variables which is reserved in the volatile working memory, for example in RAM. Accesses to the volatile working memory are fast, and the use of the volatile working memory moreover spares the nonvolatile application memory, in particular EEPROM or a flash memory. Thus, the chip according to claim 1 permits an access to the global variables that is simple, fast and gentle on the chip.

Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

Therefore, ~~according to claim 1~~ there is provided a smart card chip with a Java Card Virtual Machine and a memory area reserved for global variables which permits an access to the global variables that is simple, fast and gentle on the chip.

Please add the following before paragraph [0041]:

-- DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS --

Please add the following before paragraph [0042]:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --